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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Mark G. Crawford, Steven E. Pryor and Alfred D. Commins

Application No.: 09/728,187

Group No.: 3635

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For: Screw Fastener in Mutiple Floor Truss and Wood-to-Wood Shear Connection

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee. Prosecution in the application is closed. *QAC*
A notice of Allowability was mailed 12/20/02. *QAC*

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
An amendment

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA					RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	25	—	25	=	0	x	\$	18.00	=	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	4	—	4	=	0	x	\$	86.00	=	\$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM								+	\$	290.00 = \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE									\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))

\$770.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))

\$0.00

Total Fee(s) Due:

\$770.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

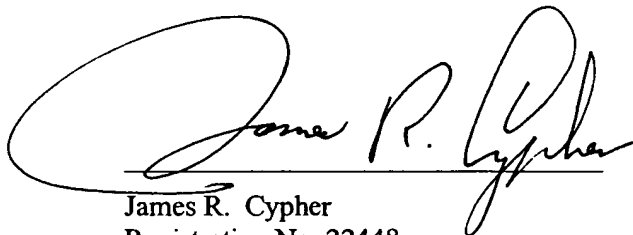
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Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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